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SUBJECT: S 2821: Civil Service Former Spouses  
Benefit Act of 1984

1. On 1 August 1984 I attended the first hearing on the subject bill. Attached is the list of witnesses and their statements for the record.

2. The hearing was chaired by Senator Ted Stevens, Chairman of the Subcommittee on Civil Service, Post Office, and General Services of the Senate Committee on Governmental Affairs. Senator Charles Mathias, who cosponsors the bill with Stevens, attended the first half of the hearing.

3. There was a lot of give-and-take between Stevens and Morrison, the OPM spokesman, and the other witnesses. Stevens stated that another Subcommittee hearing will likely take place on 6 September; he expressed the hope that his staff could work out various problems in the legislation before then and that Congress would pass former spouse legislation this year.


4. The subject of a supplemental retirement package came up and Stevens stated:

--a supplemental retirement package for Civil Service employees hired after January 1984 would be enacted next year;


--this package would be a non-contribution plan; and

--employees who are under the old Civil Service system would continue to be so for a substantial period of time.

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